

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1896.

WEATHER NOTICE.

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LOOKING BACKWARD.

Scene:—The Grounds, Government House.

Ryrie's Ghost. (Addressing Shade of Magnificence)—Ye Gods and Little Fishes, and Fathers of the Colony!

Shade of Magnificence. (Interrupting)—There are some things left, Old Man, that you are not taking!

Ryrie's Ghost.—Stands Southland where it did? Alas! the light of other days is faded. And he a Southland too! my very own, whose fallow days we watched and strove to guide his steps right. A Southland bearing an ancient honoured name, to turn and bite the heads that fed him! We'd fain have clapped an asp instead and thus have saved his country's honour. See! See! The "China Mail" (waving a copy of last night's issue) unfolds the fearful tale, 'mid Sassanah joys. And see Saint Andrew's Banner trailing in the dust, and Scotland's Rampant Lion moans like a thing scourged—

—with drooping tail.

Shade of Magnificence.—Double spare, Old Man. Set 'em up again.

Ryrie's Ghost.—(Chinaman dressed in the kit appearing during the Highland fling on the Lawn)—Eldritch, Old Man! What's this I see? A Scot bedecked with pigtail a la Chicla!

Shade of Magnificence.—Old Man, I am an Englishman, but well I love thy Land of Mountains and of Flood, whose sons have nobly fought and helped to found our Empire with their blood. With you I sympathize and grieve to see our well-loved Colony become a roost for Bactame.

Ryrie's Ghost.—Bactame! Enough! 'tis the last straw. I'm thirty, let's adjourn and have some refreshment.

Curtain.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

LONDON, July 7, 1896.
A BALKAN ALLIANCE.
An alliance between Serbia, Bulgaria, and Montenegro has been agreed upon.

FRANCE.
The Chamber has rejected the Income Tax Bill.

OBITUARY.
Sir John Pender.

THE HENLEY REGATTA.
The Londoner beat the Yale crew easily in the first heat for the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley.

LI HUNG CHANG IN HOLLAND.
Li Hung Chang has been decorated with the Grand Cross of the Lion of the Netherlands.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.
The Chicago Democratic Convention has been opened. Mr. Danial, the Illinois nominee, has been elected temporary president of the Convention by a majority of two hundred over Mr. Hill, the candidate of the Golden Rule.

MATABELELAND.
Col. Plimmer's column defeated the Matabele at seven hours' fighting. The Matabele lost one hundred, and the British twenty-three in killed and wounded.

CANTON NOTES.
(From Our Own Correspondent).

A VILLAGE OF DEATH.
I hear that a band of robbers, last week, made a successful raid on an entire village, situated about eight miles from Canton. It appears that the marauders came armed to the teeth, even being supported by artillery. The villagers thought that it was wiser to save their lives and lose their property than to be robbed of both. Hence they fled. The depredators, therefore, had it all their own way. When the frightened people returned, they found that the houses had been swept of all that was marketable, and that little remained but empty dwellings, broken doors and windows.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
The Managing Committee of the Medical Missionary Society met yesterday. During the last quarter a new wing has been added to this popular institution. This addition is two stories high, and provides several private wards for influential Chinese patients. It has further secured to the hospital a new operating room, which is large and airy, and a ward intended to accommodate European patients. These two latter additions have long been desiderata. I hear, too, that the Managing Committee, which represents a public institution in which all nationalities are interested, have unanimously decided to approach the various Consuls, in the hope that the latter may be able to induce the Chinese officials to clear away the floating rubbish which is now heaped up in front of the hospital premises. Some changes were effected last year near the fountain. Queen's Hospital, which drains these boats further down the river, and lately they have quite cleared up the hospital entrance. These a few changes make it very different, and during the winter of last year, after quite a long time, the hospital was again open to the public.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN HONGKONG.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM.
The following is the full text of the Hon. J. H. Stewart's Memorandum on the subject of the proposed constitutional reform.

Your Excellency.—In accordance with your instructions I beg to make the following remarks on the petition to the House of Commons praying for an amendment of the constitution of the Crown Colony of Hongkong.

The document professes to be the humble petition of merchants, bankers, professional men, traders, artisans, and other ratepayers, inhabitants of Hongkong.

The signatories amount to 203, of these 284 are British, 10 Anglo-Chinese, 3 Americans, 4 Portuguese, and 47 British Indians.

The petition is so loosely worded and in certain respects so contradictory that it is not altogether clear what the petitioners are or who are to be included in the alleged benefits for which the petitioners pray.

They, however, appear to be summed up in the last paragraph of the petition as follows:—

1. The election of representatives of British nationality in the Legislative Council.

2. A majority of such representatives in the Council.

3. Freedom of debate for the Official Members with power to vote as they desire.

4. Complete control in the Council over local expenditure.

5. The management of local affairs.

6. A consultative voice in questions of the Colony.

As petitioners point out Hongkong was founded over 50 years ago on a barren rock, the abode of a few fishermen. To-day the Colony has upwards of a quarter of a million inhabitants, a trade estimated at £20,000,000 a year, and a revenue of over £1,000,000.

As regards the population of Hongkong, the actual figures ascertained at the last Census held in 1891 were 227,441; out of this total there was a Chinese population of 210,995; a resident British civil population of 1,448; a Portuguese population of 2,089; a German population of 208; and an American population of 93.

Of the British resident population the number of male adults was 790; of the Chinese population the number of male adults was 127,000; that is to say, for every male adult British in Hongkong there were 160 adult Chinese.

The male adult Britishers of this Colony (exclusive of Anglo-Chinese who are not a large class and who, as it is difficult to ascertain their numbers and as it is not possible to distinguish them from ordinary Chinese, whose views and sentiments they for the most part share, may be counted as Chinese) are composed of heads of families and of sons of families.

The British population of Hongkong is by no means a permanent one as petitioners seem to suggest. The number of persons, to quote the words of the Petition, "who have passed large portions of their lives in the Colony," is very small. Their object is to come to the Colony to acquire wealth and to return to Great Britain as soon as they possibly can.

It is true that fortunes are not now made so rapidly as formerly and enforced residence abroad in the present condition of things of longer duration than in the past. But still, under these altered circumstances the British population of Hongkong is always changing. Heads of families often leave Hongkong to superintend their business in other parts of China or at home, and mercantile assistants are being sent to Hongkong from agencies abroad. During the last ten years the heads and staff of almost every firm in the Colony have been changed, in many instances, more than once. Undoubtedly there have been British residents who have devoted their time and labour to promoting the welfare of the Colony, but the instances of "self-sacrifice" of personal interests to the public good have been very rare. Indeed, merchants and others make no secret of the fact that the good of their firms is their first object of consideration, and that everything, public or private, must yield to the interests of the firm or to no time at all. I may say that the more Chinese who can speak English than formerly, but the proportion they bear to the whole is infinitesimal, the large majority of the Chinese being as ignorant of our language as the British residents are of Chinese.

Under such conditions as these it is not surprising that knowledge of Chinese customs and their peculiar requirements should be a sealed book to the British resident, who intercommunes with the Chinese is of the most limited nature, being almost exclusively confined to a discussion of markets, goods and prices carried on in a jargon of English and Chinese. With such a medium of communication it is, indeed, rarely attempted. When therefore the petitioners in paragraph 6 of their petition describe the Unofficial Members as the natural possessors of knowledge and experience, it is impossible that they can mean "knowledge and experience" of the Chinese and Chinese requirements, for, of them, it is notorious that they are very ignorant.

It is not possible that under such circumstances they can in any way represent them. It is, I repeat, by the inability which leads the petitioners to seriously recommend that the Chinese should have no representatives, representative being monopolized by persons of British nationality, who are to have complete control over local expenditure—to the payment of which they contribute but a very small share.

It is important to remember that as petitioners state, "the traditional and family interests and racial sympathies of the Chinese who come to Hongkong largely remain in China," in a simple manner the Chinese are not to be considered as British subjects, but as Chinese, and as such they are to be treated.

In China the patriarchal system still exists, the head of the family is the family and not the individual. The modern idea of "one man one vote" is a thing which a Chinaman can hardly comprehend, and it is not to be expected that anything satisfactory may be effected.

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Notices to Consignees.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 13th Inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th Inst., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1898. 1372

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP LENNAIX,
FROM NEW YORK & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 13th Inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th Inst., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1898. 1375

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM SHANGHAI AND ARRIVE.

THE Steamship *Giada* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Underwriter before Noon on the 17th Inst., as they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 17th Inst. will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1898. 1362

Intimations.

KOWLOON HOTEL.

NEAR THE GODOWN WHARF.
SURROUNDED BY magnificent Gardens, and commanding beautiful views of the Harbour and Island of Hongkong.

ROOMS TO LET WITHOUT BOARD.

KEGELBAHN
AND
AMERICAN BILLIARDS.

LUIZ M. LOBO, Manager.
Hongkong, May 9, 1898. 968

PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS Commodious and Well-appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, has just been thoroughly re-decorated, renovated and furnished, and a NEW WING has been built, which commands magnificent views of the Harbour and mainland of China.

SPECIAL SUMMER RATES.
(From 1st APRIL to 31st OCTOBER).
One person, per day ... \$ 4.01
One person, per month ... \$ 75 to 90.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per day ... 7.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per month ... 150.00
Married couple (occupying two rooms) per month ... 170.00
Extra Bedroom, per month \$40 to 50.00
For further Particulars, apply to
THE MANAGER,
New Victoria Hotel.
Hongkong, April 4, 1898. 725

LANGUID WOMEN.

PALE CHILDREN
OLD PEOPLE, INVALIDS
VIN CHAPOTEAUT
(CHAPOTEAUT'S WINE OF HIRE)
A DELICIOUS
NUTRITIVE
STIMULANT

This alimentary wine is easily assimilated when taken either solid or liquid form, and remains on the stomach, it is indicated in constitutional weakness, for the aged, Anemic, Dyspeptic, and Convalescent, helps to suffer from Constipation, Dysentery, and Diarrhoea, and is a valuable tonic for the system.

CHAPOTEAUT
PARIS

Prepared by Dr. S. W. W. & Co., Chemists, Hongkong.

Shipping.

Steamers.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Steamship *Forosua*, Captain Rosson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARBAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, July 9, 1898. 1380

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND
ANTWERP.

The Co.'s Steamship *Kagoshima Maru*, Captain TATEYAMA, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 10th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised. This Steamer is fitted up with Accommodation for every class of Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, July 9, 1898. 1261

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship *Chingtu*, Captain STEWART, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Hongkong, July 7, 1898. 1373

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
(Calling at NAGASAKI if sufficient inducement offered).

The Steamship *Gompa*, Captain HAYES, will be despatched for the above Ports at Noon, on SATURDAY, the 11th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 7, 1898. 1376

GIBB LINE OF CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at FOCHOW).

(Taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)
The Steamship *Bowley*, Captain J. BOWLEY, will be despatched as above on or about the 11th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, July 4, 1898. 1352

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND
USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking through Cargo for LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)
The Co.'s Steamship *Falkland*, Captain H. L. ALLEN, Commanding, will be despatched as above at Daylight, on SUNDAY, the 12th Inst., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, etc., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 7, 1898. 1263

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The Steamship *Austral*, Captain P. HELMS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 12th Instant.

The attention of Passengers is specially drawn to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer, first-class Saloon being situated forward of the Engine, and second-class in the Poop.

A Refrigerating Chamber secures the supply of Ice and Fresh Vegetables during the entire voyage, and the Steamer is fitted throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 4, 1898. 1356

FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE AND HAMBURG.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN).

The Steamship *Thetis*, Captain E. CHURCHILL, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 13th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 4, 1898. 1369

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Archilles*, Captain HARVEY, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 13th July.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 1, 1898. 1394

Shipping.

Steamers.
AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI & KOBE.
The Co.'s Steamship *Marquis Bacchus*, Captain G. COSTANZO, will leave for the above places on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 8, 1898. 1379

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Amara*, Captain SMITH, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, July 6, 1898. 1366

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.
CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1898.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Almora ... Wednesday 16th July.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

The Steamship *Almora* will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th July.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPPLICATE, and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passages and Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 2, 1898. 1305

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Steamship *Flamingo*, Captain CROFT, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 9, 1898. 1374

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Glenage*, Captain GLEN, will be despatched as above on or about SUNDAY, the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 3, 1898. 1381

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG AND LONDON.

The Steamship *Monmouthshire*, Captain EVANS, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 31st July.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 2, 1898. 1343

Sailing Vessels.

FOR BALTIMORE.
The S/S *L. I. American Ship* *Lucas Reed*, Captain E. D. WALDO, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, June 30, 1898. 1391

FOR NEW YORK.
The S/S *L. I. American Ship* *Manuel Blagum*, Captain SHALL, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, June 8, 1898. 1170

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The S/S *L. I. American Ship* *St. Louis*, Captain SHALL, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Hongkong, May 21, 1898. 1032

FOR NEW YORK.
The S/S *L. I. American Ship* *Charles S. Moody*, Captain LONAN, shortly expected here, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, June 30, 1898. 1392

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)
WASHING BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office—Price, 50 cents.

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the Pacific Coast and to the interior and Eastern Cities of the United States and Canada all to Europe.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First class Table, DINNER and BREAKFAST carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, \$350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent scenery of the Rocky and Cascade Mountains. The Yellowstone National Park. Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL Lines.

HONGKONG TO POMEZIA, \$25.
Rates of Passage to Tacoma in application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Victoria ... 1.167 (Saturday) July 11.
Olympia ... 2.608 (Wednesday) July 29.
Tacoma ... 3.001 (Monday) Aug. 16.
Tacoma ... 2.549 (Thursday) Sept. 8.
Victoria ... 3.167 (Monday) Sept. 21.
Olympia ... 2.608 (Friday) Oct. 9.

THE STEAMSHIP *VICTORIA*, Captain A. GOVE, sailing at Noon, on SATURDAY, the 11th July, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canada and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash. Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, June 2, 1898. 1279

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES GENOA.

ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, ALBANY & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for its principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Prussia ... Tuesday | August 18.
Sachsen ... Tuesday | September 15.
Hansa ... Tuesday | September 15.
Prinz Heinrich ... Tuesday | October 13.
Preussen ... Tuesday | November 10.
Sachsen ... Tuesday | December 8.
Bismarck ... Tuesday | January 6.
Prinz Heinrich ... Tuesday | February 2.
Prussia ... Tuesday | March 2.

ON TUESDAY, the 21st day of July, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *PREUSSIN*, Captain P. WILHELM, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECULATIVE CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 18th July, and CARGO will be received on board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 20th July, and CARGO will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on MONDAY, the 20th July. Consignees of Packages are requested. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.00 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Men can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELOHRES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 25, 1898. 1298

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUETS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
EGYPT, HAMBURG, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 22nd July, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *MELBOURNE*, Commandant ROMERO, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECULATIVE CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

The Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S.S. *Armand* which will call at Port on the 3rd August, and at SUZ, PORT SAID and HAMBURG.

Cargo and Speculatives will be registered for London as well as for Havre, and accepted in transit through Havre for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Speculatives and Parcels until 5 p.m., on the 21st July. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 1, 1898. 1393

SAILORE'S HOME.
ANY Out of Clothing, Boots, or Furnishings will be abundantly supplied at the Sailors' Home, West Point.

Mails.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *PESHAWAR*, Captain F. J. COLE, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 10th July, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship *CARTHAGE*, leaving that port on the 7th AUGUST, for LONDON Direct.)

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Ton for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, July 2, 1898. 1312

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAY, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Capt. (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, July 21, at noon.
Capt. (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ... SATURDAY, Aug. 8, at noon.
Capt. (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, Aug. 25, at noon.

THE Steamship *COPTIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 21st July, at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets are granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (for the return), within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, till 6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo, intended to pass beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency at Company, No. 1, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 6, 1898. 1260

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

UNDER MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
JAVA-HONGKONG-YOKOHAMA-KOBE-AMOI-HONGKONG-SINGAPORE-JAVA.

FROM HONGKONG TO JAPAN.
S.S. *Gemara* ... June 25.
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Intimations.

THE CHINESE MAIL

(Wah Tai Yat Pei).

THIS paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at Five Dollars per annum delivered in Hongkong, or Eleven Dollars Forty Cents including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese newspaper ever issued under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guardians and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various ports in China and Japan, from Australia, California, Singapore, Hongkong, Saigon, and other places frequented by Chinese, consider themselves justified in guaranteeing a large and ever-increasing circulation. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to add themselves to them.

The field open to a paper of this description, conducted by native efforts, but progressive and anti-obstructive in tone, is almost limitless. On the one hand, Chinese readers are to be found everywhere, while on the other it deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners. Like English journals it contains editorial, with Local, Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

Subscription orders for the above may be sent to

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	185 % prem.	Closing Quotations, 1896.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Cor.	30,000	120	all	185 % prem.	=\$360.25, 1896.
Bank of China & Japan Limited, preference shares	39,950.2	62.5	nom.		
" ordinary	19,975.2	112	122 buyers		
National Bank of China, Limited	1,250.2	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8
INSURANCE.					
China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	200	200	200	200
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	100	100	100	100
Strait Insurance Co., Ltd.	50,000	100	100	100	100
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.	10,000	200	200	200	200
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	160	160	160	160
SHIPPING.					
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	400	400	400	400
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	160	160	160	160
DOCKS.					
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	125	all	107 % prem.	=\$133.75, sales
STEAMSHIP.					
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	50	50
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	60	all	60	60
H.K. & S. S. Steamship Co., Ltd.	80,000	15	all	15	15
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	10	all	10	10
China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	10	all	10	10
DO.					
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	100	all	111 buyers	
Luen Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	100	all	888 buyers	
WHAVER.					
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	all	64, sales and buyers	
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,000	100	87	845	
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	60,000	100	60	373, buyers	
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	50	30	118, sellers	
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	25,400	10	all	89, sales and sellers	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	40	118, sellers	
TRADING.					
H.K. High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all	80	
MINE.					
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	5	all	83, sales	
Panjoa Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	5	all	143, sales	
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	120	120	120	120
New Balaor Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	5	all	122, buyers	
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	30,000	1	13	30, sales	
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	5,000	5	5	54, sellers	
PLANTING, ETC.					
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	100	all	80, sales	
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited	4,000	50	all	50	50
HOTELS.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	all	123, sales	
DISCOUNTS.					
A. B. Watson & Co., Limited	80,000	10	all	113, sales	
Dalton, Crookshank & Co., Ltd.	60,000	10	all	50 cents, sales	
EXPORTING.					
H.K. and China Tea Co., Limited	7,000	10	all	8100, buyers	
Hongkong Tea Co., Limited	30,000	10	all	87	
DRINK AND CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	20,000	10	10	117, buyers	
RETAILERS.					
Bell's Asbestos Roasting Agency, Ltd.	8,000	1	1	1	1
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	7,000	10	all	85	
Geo. Foulk & Co., Limited	6,000	20	20	20	20
Hongkong Dairy Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	all	830	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	10,000	10	all	8108	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	20	all	1120, sellers	
Kowloon Ice Company, Ltd.	10,000	100	100	100	100
Loong Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	100	100	100
Loong-King-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	2,000	100	100	100	100
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000	20	20	20	20
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No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore in transit in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sent, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb., and 25 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb., which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duty. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 5 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted until this is completed and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as hand-bells, are prohibited. No Parcel can be recovered if its value exceeds \$500.

A Parcel may contain a letter addressed to the sender or to the same address, or another Parcel of the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to insured Parcels, addresses are requested to be clear and unambiguous. The Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at Home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

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2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Misdirected or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, sent to the Post Office, or received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unattended, the postage, at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-box-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, or he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on each cover there are marked, in Chinese characters, the address of the residence or place of business must be added. Incomplete addresses covers will be returned to the sender for address.

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New Zealand.

British North Borneo.

Queensland.

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South Australia.

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Tasmania.

United Kingdom.

Victoria.

United States of America.

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Belgium.

Bulgaria.

China.

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Denmark West Indies.

France, with Algeria.

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